facilities. The Government is giving financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 41.33 lakhs for the recurring and non-recurring expenditure for these units.

Corporations for employment of women

1736. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have directed the State Governments to set up corporations to promote employment of women;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the names of the States where such corporations have been set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILDREN DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As in the Statement attached herewith.

Statement

(b) The details of the new scheme of "Women's Development Corporations" of the Department of Women & Child Development are as under:

It is proposed that Women's Development Corporation would be set up in the States with the objecive of promoting employment generating activities amongst women. These Corporations would actively support and promote schemes for women's groups and women from the weaker sections of society. Necessary safeguards would however be provided to ensure that the advantages under this scheme are not appropriated by women, who are relatively better off, by way of benami transactions.

The Corporations would act as catalytic agents for generating economic activities among women. The functions of the Corporation would include:—

Identification of potential areas of employment;

Assistance for project formulation and raising required finance;

Arranging raw material for working women in multiple occupations;

To provide training consultance facilities; and

To provide infrastructure for marketing the products.

The Centre would provide funds to the States for setting up or running the Corporations through equity participaion upto 49 per cent of the equity.

The Corporation would also obtain credit under the differential rate of interest scheme or any other concessional scheme. A budget provision of Rs. 50.00 lakhs has since been made for implementing the scheme for the year 1987-88.

(c) The names of the States where such Corporations are inexistance are as under:—

(i) Punjab

(ii) Chandigarh

(iii) Tamil Nadu

(iv) Maharashtra

(v) Gujarat

(vi) Andhra Pradesh.

Train rakes lying unutilised

1737. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of train rakes remain idle for many hours at several places in the country;

(b) whether any assesment has been made in this regard, if so, what are the findings thereof, zone-wise; and

(c) what action Government propose to take for the maximum utilisation of these rakes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) At the end of each journey, passenger rakes require attention for scheduled maintenance, cleaning, watering and any repairs etc., on all Zonal Railways. Sometimes they also wait because passenger trains have to start from originating points at timings convenient to the travelling public.

(c) In a number of cases, different rakes have been integrated to minimise terminal detentions and to ensure better utilisation of rolling stock.

Action on complaints under Dowry Act

1738. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned "Cops to dowry laws", that appeared on cols. 4—6 of page 3 of Hindustan Times dated 4th September, 1986;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, wnat steps Government are taking to make the police personnel aware of the provisions of Dowry Act so that they may take prompt action on complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been mentioned in the news item that women welfare organisations are facing problems in having the amendments in the Dowry Prohibition Act implemented by the Police because of the latter's ignorance about the amendments and indifference.

(c) The Minister of State for Women and Child Development has addressed a letter to all the Chief Ministers of the States/UTs requesting them to have the law and order machinery geared up in order to effectively carry out the amended laws. For this purpose, training and orientation of police officers is essential. The Chief Ministers have accordingly been requested to give serious thought to this suggestion so that the police machinery is able to be in step with the new laws.

Sad plight of unemployed Indian Doctors in Canada

1739. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports that several Indian doctors who went to Canada could not get licence to undertake medical practice in that country and were compelled to do petty jobs for their livehood;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to get those doctors repatriated; and

(c) the steps being taken to stop such brain drain from the country in future and utilize the talents of qualified doctors and other technocrats within the country itself?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Indian doctors concerned had gone to Canada on their own and there is no scheme to get those doctors repatriated to India.